



**"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord.
I love you and long to see you dear friends, for you are my joy and crown I receive for my work."
*Philippians 4: 1, New Living Translation***

With this being the month of Thanksgiving, I want to thank the entire church for allowing me to be your pastor. As I spend time with other pastors—not only in the Conference but throughout the community—I truly brag about the wonderful people and the ministries that all of you are doing.

I also want to say, "Thank You!" to the staff. Thank you for your dedication and excellence. I am grateful that I do not have to micromanage anyone because each of you does such a wonderful job. Your work is outstanding and above expectations. Thank you also for the teamwork, as we all work together toward the mission and ministry of the church and within the community. I appreciate how seriously each of you takes your responsibilities and how effectively you implement them in your area.

I am especially thankful that you trust me as the Senior Pastor and allow me to lead—not only in improving our work, but in growing as individuals who love God and the church. Thank you for responding when I need your input, ideas, thoughts, concerns, and willingness to make changes together. Most of all, thank you for being a team while remaining individuals, and for allowing me to be an individual too. I want to take this opportunity to thank you both collectively and personally.

Marshal, thank you for being our security, for walking the hallways and the parking lot, for checking the doors, and for providing oversight to ensure everything is as it should be—not only on Sundays but every day.

Amanda and Chad, thank you for leading the children and youth ministries and for investing in the next generation of church leaders. Your dedication ensures that our children are in good hands and that the lessons they receive are meaningful. We can all be confident in your work by seeing the kids you are nurturing and the people they are becoming.

Brandi, thank you not only for everything you do as the Office Coordinator, but for helping me stay organized as I juggle my own responsibilities. Thank you for the "little things" that make life easier and, above all, for your smile and the hospitality you show to everyone who walks through our doors.

Anne, thank you for keeping me informed about congregational needs, visits, and phone calls, and for helping manage that list each week. Thank you for leading programs so effectively and ensuring everything runs seamlessly. Most of all, thank you for embracing new ministry opportunities and making them even better than we imagined.

Tommy and Cindy, thank you for making our worship services outstanding and meaningful. I appreciate that I can simply provide the scripture and theme, and both of you create a beautiful presentation through music each week. Thank you for the time, coordination, and preparation with the Praise Team and Choir that make this possible.

Judy, thank you for allowing me to be a kid when I visit the preschool, and for embracing the vision that the preschool is an extension of the church's ministry. Thank you for helping us build relationships with families and your staff.

Penny and Sonia, thank you for always being present in the nursery, caring for infants and toddlers each Sunday and whenever needed. You do an important, often overlooked job, and we cannot thank you enough.

Thank you **all**—both church and staff—for everything! As we celebrate Thanksgiving together, let us certainly praise God for all our blessings.

Love you all,

Pastor Keith (336) 250-0020

Pastoral Care Notes

We extend ongoing prayers of petition for comfort and healing to the following:

Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Zane Chandler
Hope McClure

Alan Isley
Scott Smothers

Brittany Leonard
Bryan Staley

Tracie McClure

...and prayers unspoken.

Homebound Friends, Nursing Home, Assisted Living & Independent Living Residents

Dare Burge

Nancy Ellison

Dot Sides

Pat Vogler

Zane Chandler (Arbor Ridge, Room 209)

Pratt Dunlap (River Landing, Colfax, Room HT107)

Linda Heath (Cadence, Wake Forest Senior Living,
Wake Forest)

Denny Holder (Trinity Glen, Winston Salem)

Carrie Lowe (Kerner Ridge, Room A-11)

Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge, Room 211)

Mary Lea Shreve (Kerner Ridge, Room A-1)

Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ridge, Room 202)

Jerry Young (Chesapeake VA, 23322)

Evangeline Davis (Cadence, Huntersville, Room B9)

Patsy Ebert (Arbor Ridge, Room 217)

Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax, Room P301)

Becky Hines (Bermuda Commons, Advance, Rm 505B)

Jenny Linville (Arbor Ridge, Room 110)

Bub & Karen Manning (Salem Towne)

Patsy Rowell (Arbor Ridge, Room 214)

Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge, Room 111)

Sadie Weavil (Trinity-Elms, Clemmons, Room 402)



In Loving Memory

Myrtis Holder

Johnathan Larrimore

Kathryn Motsinger

Harold Sapp

Johnathon Turner

Mona Terrell



You may have already heard, but our annual Trunk-or-Treat hosted about 1,000 people! We had 30 trunks, hosted by families from Sedge Garden UMC, the Sedge Garden Preschool, and our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Many donated chicken and candy. Ashley Locklear, Catrin Giles, and Rich and Sandra Hogan cooked and shredded chicken. Ashley and BJ cooked the chicken stew. Many contributed, and the community was welcomed. THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who served at this event, unloaded pumpkins, or worked at the pumpkin patch this month. It has been an honor to serve alongside you this fall. I am so proud of all that we have accomplished together. ~Amanda

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!!

December 6th - Sounds of the Season Concert with Downtown Sound

December 7th - Kernersville Christmas Parade

December 14th - Garden Kids' Nativity

December 21st - Christmas Music Service (First Fruits)

& Christmas Cantata (Traditional)

OUTREACH



Christmas in October!

**October 5th -
November 8th**

**Shoeboxes are in the
Welcome Center.**

**Fill a box and return to
the church office or at
the BASIC Bazaar
between 9am-2pm.**

**Be sure to include \$10
for shipping.**

BLESSING BOX

As we approach the holidays, please continue to keep some blessing box items on your grocery list. You can drop them off at the box anytime throughout the week.

Single-serve, ready to heat and eat items are especially helpful this time of year.

Thank you to the ASK Class for monitoring during November and the BASIC Class in December.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
NOVEMBER 30 @ 5PM
@ THE PAVILION**

MUSIC

SANTA

**HOT CHOCOLATE
&
COOKIES**



Join us for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Pavilion on Sunday, November 30 at 5:00pm! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and 1-2 dozen cookies to share.

We will need a few volunteers to help with food set-up/serving as well as parking/street crossing. If you are interested, please contact Alecia Julian at (704) 284-2094 or aleciajulian@gmail.com.

2025 Red Food Bag Project

The Red Food Bags will once again be available in the Welcome Center and Sanctuary.

November 23 through December 14

The Red Food Bag Project is dedicated to supporting local families by providing them with a nutritious meal during the Christmas season. We deeply appreciate your willingness to volunteer to shop for a prescribed list of groceries and return them to the church. Your kindness truly makes a difference in our community. Help us meet our annual goal of at least 100 bags of groceries.



TOYS FOR TOTS

November 14th

We'd love for all Sunday school classes to purchase a bicycle, wagon, or tricycle.

B.A.S.I.C.
Brothers and Sisters in Christ
Bazaar & Craft Show

NOV. 8, 2025

9AM-2PM

Soup and Grilled
Cheese lunch
starting at 1100



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You will have one more opportunity to order t-shirts at the B.A.S.I.C. Bazaar on November 8th. The last day to order will be November 9th.



Garden Kids Ministry

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Amanda Betters, Director of Garden Kids Ministry
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The Garden Kids Ministry has been

so blessed this past month with some amazing time together. Club 3-4-5 attended the District Teen Retreat where eight of our Garden Kids worshiped, served, learned, and had tons of fun at Camp Hanes! We have also worked hard in the pumpkin patch and hosted the biggest Trunk-or-Treat Sedge Garden has ever seen.



With 30 trunks and about 1,000 people we are overwhelmed by how wonderful this event turned out and the opportunity that we had to shine Jesus's light in our community. Thank you to everyone who hosted a trunk, donated candy, invited

neighbors and friends, and prayed for this event. The candy held out to the very end, and the chicken stew just kept coming!



CLUB 3-4-5

THANKFULNESS SERVICE PROJECT
NOVEMBER 23RD, 2-4PM
SHARING FROM OUR OWN BLESSINGS!

DECEMBER 14TH @ 6PM

A NATIVITY STORY

CASTING AND SCRIPT HAND-OUT ON NOVEMBER 2ND
PRACTICES: NOVEMBER 9TH, 23RD, 30TH, & DECEMBER 7TH DURING SMALL GROUP HOUR

grounded

YOUTH MINISTRY

24/7

UMYF Schedule

- November 2nd -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 4-6pm - GYM - Pump-Olympics!
- November 9th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 4-6pm - GYM
- November 12th - Harvest Hangout (High School)
- November 14th-16th - Jr./Sr. Retreat (details to come)
- November 16th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 4-6pm - GYM
- November 23rd -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 4-6pm - GYM - Friendsgiving!
- November 30th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - No GYM
 - Christmas Tree Lighting @ 5pm
- Upcoming Dates to Note -
 - Dec. 13 - Youth Christmas Party
 - Dec. 21 - Christmas Movie @ The Betters'

**DON'T LET ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG.
BUT SET AN EXAMPLE
FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH,
IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE,
IN FAITH
AND IN PURITY.**

1 Timothy 4:12

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."
Philippians 2:3



The Youth Group has been really busy this past month, our calendar full of opportunities to come together with our church family to learn, serve, worship, and have fellowship! Harvest Hangout at The Betters' House has been a great chance for us to just hangout—Chad grilled hamburgers and we jumped on the trampoline and played cards!

Our annual trip to the Carolina Classic Fair was an act of service (can donation for entry) and worship (Danny Gokey concert)!

The Youth worked the Pumpkin Patch each Sunday afternoon, but it wasn't all work, we carved some pumpkins too!



We also packed up some pumpkins and made pumpkin planters with our friends at Arbor Ridge!



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Gifts have been given to the following ministries...

In Memory Of

Frank & Thelma Walker

Building Fund/Improvement Denny & Cheryl Walker

Thank you! for supporting the ministries of Sedge Garden UMC!

Ways to Give

Cash or check using an envelope.
Online at sedgegardenumc.org/ give or by scanning the QR code!

Thank you for your generosity!

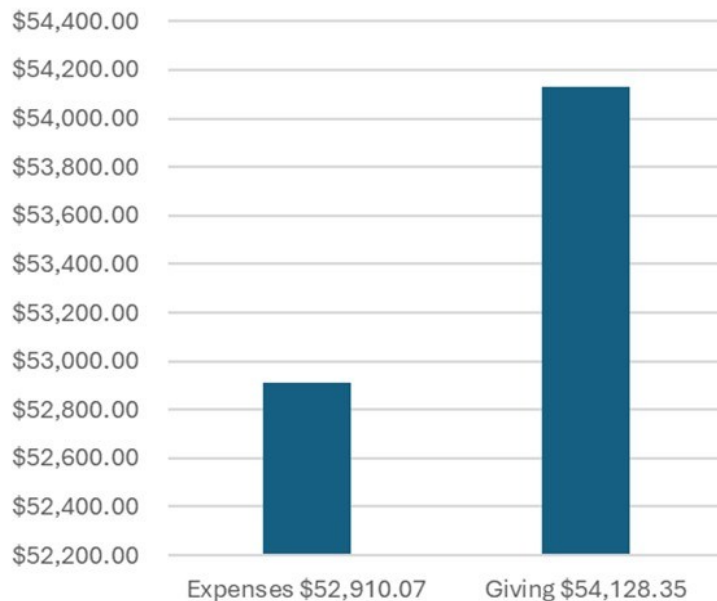


From the finance committee...

Needed to meet weekly budgeted expenses: \$11,137

Giving in September: \$54,128.35

Mission and Ministry Fund Update



THE OFFICE
WILL BE
CLOSED
NOVEMBER
27TH-28TH



Hanging
of the Greens
November 29th
@ 9:00 am



**golden
agers**

The Golden Ager's will not meet in November.
They will return on December 1st for their Christmas Party!
Bring a \$10 gift to exchange.



October has been a busy, fun month. Classes invited their parents to join them for a visit to the pumpkin patch. Each child received a pumpkin from the patch to decorate in their classroom. All preschool classes joined Mrs. Amanda for chapel in the Garden Kids' Worship Center. We learned about David and how there were times when he was happy, scared, unhappy, and peaceful; those being the same feelings that all of us can have. We sang our favorite song "God Knows Me." We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving season in November.

Preschool Chapel

November 19th @ 9:30am
Garden Kids' Worship Center

November 20th @ 9:30am
Fellowship Hall



Stitches of Love

November 3rd
10:00am - 12:00pm

Southern Supreme
FRUITCAKE
& more

Adult Fellowship
November 12th
8:45am



Rachel's Roses
November 13th
6:30pm
A.S.K. Class

Church
Council
Meeting
November
16th
2:30pm
In the
Fellowship
Hall



Charge
Conference
November 16th
3:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Daisies Circle

November
17th

3:00pm



UWF Tulips
November
19th

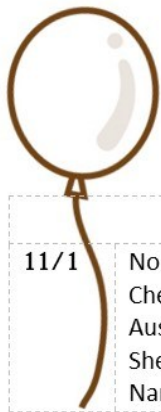
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United Methodist Men's
Breakfast

November 30th @ 7am





November Celebrations

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

<u>Birthdays</u>				<u>Anniversaries</u>	
11/1	Norman Dunlap Cheryl Kiser Austin Loman Shelley Smith Nancy Strickland	11/12	Ben Bocholis Erin Caudle Nora Julian Bub Manning	11/4	Henry & Kerry Leetz
		11/13	Nikki Craver	11/10	Robert & Cheryl Kiser
11/2	Russell Truesdale Tim McCann Madi Smith	11/15	Angela McCann	11/14	Les & Erin Jackson
11/3	Tommy Holder	11/16	John Hoyle	11/18	John & Diana Ross
11/4	Jaden Brady Jenny Watson Roop	11/17	Ray Long	11/19	Bob & Anne White
11/5	Vicki Conner	11/18	Matthew Huyett	11/20	Shannon & Jeff Hamilton
	Chris Roth Tim Taylor Bryan Totten Lauren Sloan Weir	11/19	Chance Roth		Bill & Linda Spencer
		11/20	Lizzie Julian Linda Layton		
			Joyce Moore		
11/6	Billy Dunlap Pam Martin Robin Protokowicz	11/21	Alex Pegg		
		11/23	Jennifer Casstevens		
11/7	Tracy DeBusk	11/24	Andy Boles		
11/8	Otis Eubanks		Christopher Nowlin		
11/9	Wes Baker Reese McCormick	11/25	Paula Walker		
11/10	Sue Stafford	11/27	Ragan Sapp		
11/11	Christine Parker	11/28	Mickey Miller		
			Emma Shaw		
		11/30	Bobbie Berry Ruth Heath Sarah Kearney		



always give thanks with a
grateful heart

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